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SPORTS GSU sweeps the Citadel in 3-game series

After this weekend's victories, the Eagles are ranked first in the Southern Conference.

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Player's Ball packs Statesboro once again

By Shawntineal Hughes
Assistant News Editor

Local officials expected 15,000 to 25,000 participants to come to Statesboro for Player's Ball this past weekend. Player's Ball has been an annual event for approximately the past eight years where individuals come from all over to engage in parties, cookouts and many other activities.

This past weekend, like every other Player's Ball weekend, was full of police, road blocks and backup traffic. There were crowds of people walking up and down Chandler Road, which is known as "the strip" to the participants.

During Player's Ball, public safety was a major concern. Six public safety organizations were in a mutual aid agreement and came to Statesboro to help with the problems that often occurred during the weekend, according to Richard Malone, chief of police for the Statesboro Police Department.

Officers from the Statesboro Police Department, University Police, Georgia State Patrol, Bulloch County Sheriff's Department, GBI and Department of Natural Resources were on duty to provide crowd control and supervise the event.

"Our resources [were] joined to provide the safest environment possible for students, visitors, and residents," Malone said. Malone also said that law enforcement's main concern was keeping the roads safe and navigable.

"We keep the roads open as long as possible, but when foot traffic pours out into the streets, they must be closed for safety reasons," Malone said.

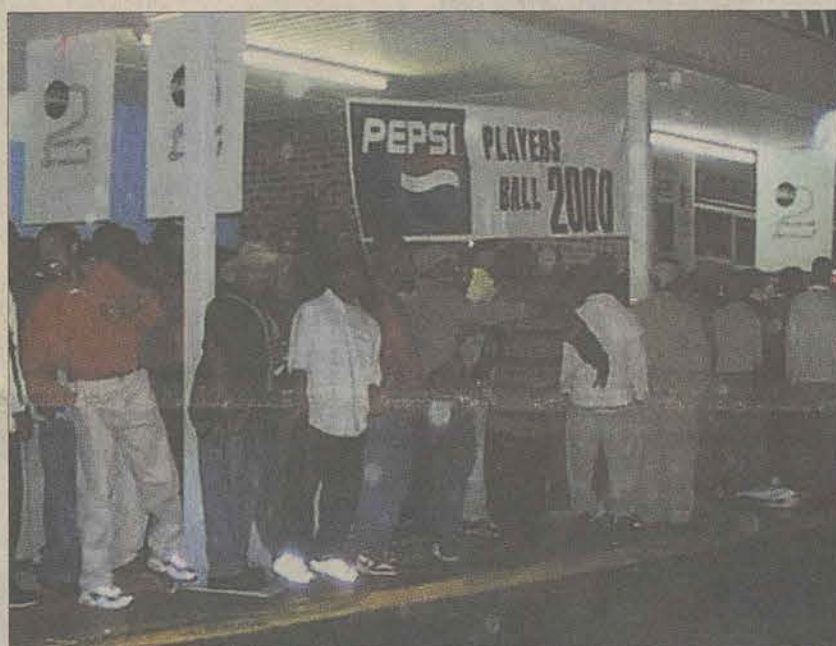
Many campus housing areas were also closed off and were patrolled by security guards. Drivers were only granted permission to enter if they had a decal.

Residents who were having guests stay with them in the resident halls had to register them in advance, according to Vicki Hawkins, director of housing.

Some of the activities that took place this weekend included a party at the Statesboro Skating Ring on Friday sponsored by Little G and Dyce Law. Even though it rained that night, it did not affect the participant turnout. There was a long line waiting to enter when the doors opened at 9 p.m. By 11 p.m. many people were unable to get in.

A comedy show took place at Horizons on Saturday. There were also many clubs who sponsored events and house parties in the apartment complexes.

Official statistics have not been compiled, but were expected to be released by Tuesday, according to the Statesboro Police Department.



LIVIN' IT UP: Approximately 15,000 to 20,000 people were expected to take part in the eighth annual Players Ball. Participants gathered in local apartment parking lots (above) and the skating rink (left). Cruising the strip was the most popular event for party goers this weekend.

Photos by Shawntineal Hughes

Shooting occurs over Player's Ball Weekend

By John Bryson
News Editor

An Atlanta native taking part in the Player's Ball festivities was shot multiple times in the Food Lion parking lot and is in stable condition at the Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, according to a release from the Statesboro Police Department. Two suspects are now in custody, with a third arrest expected to come later.

Gerald Williams, 20, of Atlanta, was in the parking lot of the grocery store, which is not affiliated with the Players Ball event, Sunday morning when an argument erupted between him and the suspects, according to the release. The argument resulted in shots being fired and Williams being struck multiple times.

At 1:30 a.m., the Statesboro Police Department, assisted by the GBI, launched an investigation into the shooting after being contacted.

The suspects, Tavarus Lavauge Carpenter, 23, and Jacobi Lee Williams, 19, both of Augusta, fled the scene and attempted to leave the city.

However, witnesses at the scene were able to provide the police with a description of the suspect vehicle and they were later apprehended on Highway 80 West, along with a gun that is believed to have been used in the shooting.

The weapon has been sent to the GBI crime lab for further ballistics testing.

Carpenter and Williams are being held in the Bulloch County Jail pending further court action.

A search of the GSU database revealed that neither the victim nor the suspects are students enrolled in the university.

Surviving The Citadel: Cadet determined to earn her class ring

By Marja Mills
Chicago Tribune

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A horn sounds, and Cadet Peterson snaps to attention. Shoes polished to a gleam, spine ramrod straight, poker face in place, she is ready for the next military maneuver: lunch.

On this warm spring afternoon, like all weekday afternoons at the Citadel, that means marching in lock step from barracks to mess hall with 1,600 fellow students. In this sea of blue-gray uniforms, in her classes, around campus, Sha (pronounced Shay) Peterson has a habit: Quickly, quietly, she steals a glance around her. She is looking for a face that resembles her own.

"I see, am I the only black? Am I the only female? Usually I'm the only something."

At 20 years of age, the soft-spoken Chicagoan is 750 miles and a world away from her gritty Roseland neighborhood.

She is an African-American at a southern bastion of tradition with proud ties to its Confederate history, a woman at a military college famous for fighting like hell to keep females from marching in its ranks.

Through an odd mix of choice and chance, the young woman from deep on Chicago's South Side is at the heart of a struggle she did not start or even sympathize with at first.

Once here, though, her stubborn streak prevailed. She decided — muscles aching, heels



Nancy Stone (KRT)

COMMITTED CADET: Sha Patterson walks across campus on her way to her barracks after working at the campus post office. As a sophomore, she is not allowed to walk across 'the deck,' a large grassy area in the middle of The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

dug in — that there was no going back. Women belonged at the Citadel. She belonged at the Citadel.

Four and a half years after Shannon Faulkner became the first female to enroll at the state military college, women make up a small but growing portion of the ranks. Currently, 1,587 of the school's cadets are male; 61 are female.

And so Peterson marches with the guys under a cloudless South Carolina sky, tiny gnats biting the back of her neck. She doesn't swat them away.

That would break the all-important precision. Peterson is a sophomore.

What stands between her and becoming one of the first 50

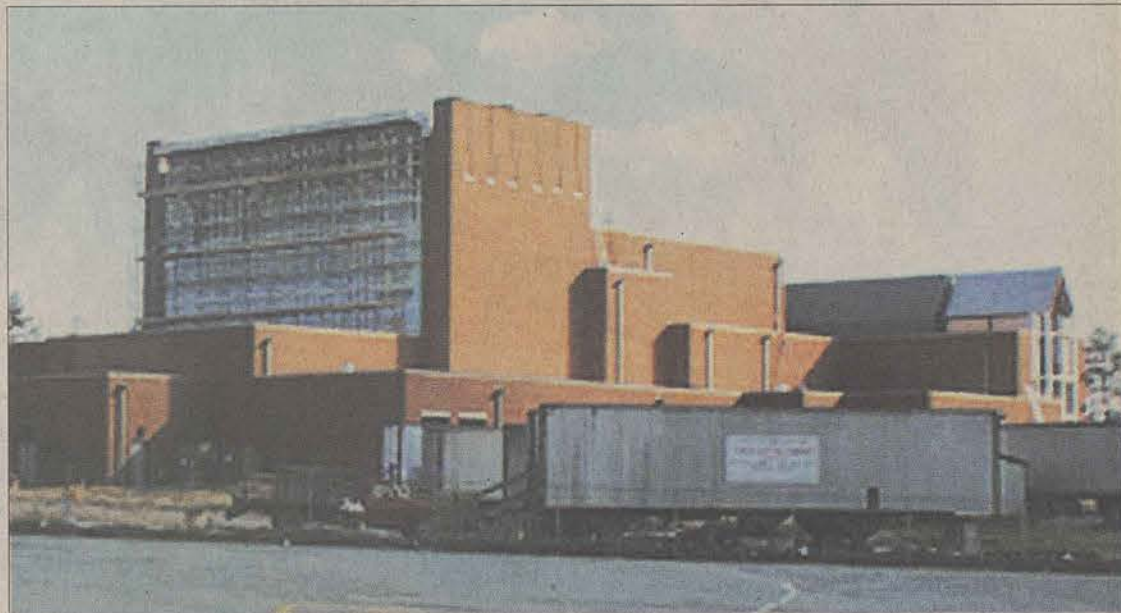
women to graduate the Citadel is 2 1/2 more years of tests — academic, physical, mental — at a college that moves to its own rigid rhythms and rituals.

Her education began on the blazingly hot first day she arrived on campus.

She learned, as all first year students do, how to respond to that upperclassman yelling in your face about a lapse, however minor: Reply with a crisp, "Sir, yes sir."

Two other possibilities: "Sir, no sir." "Sir, no excuse, sir."

Though only 30 percent of Citadel students now go into the military, the campus retains the flavor of a four-year boot camp. Rules and hierarchies reign, and there are a lot of both.



John Bryson

PROBLEMS CAUSE DELAYS: The Nessmith Lane Continuing Education building (above) and the College of Education's new building are currently under construction. Both buildings are expected to be complete some time this year.

Various delays set completion dates further behind for campus buildings

By Shawntineal Hughes
Assistant News Editor

The completion of two GSU buildings, College of Education and the Nessmith Lane Continuing Education, has been delayed due to various reasons, according to Bob De Laar, assistant director of the physical plant.

The College of Education building's original completion date was November 1999. But a change in contractors caused it to be pushed back. GSU's first contractor, Adams Group, went bankrupt and had to be replaced, according to De Laar. GSU then signed a contract with Alcon, who is now working on the site.

There was also a rumor stating that the College of Education building was going to sink due to the water table being too high. "There is nothing in the reports or at the current construction of the building that indicate that there is any validity in that comment at all," De Laar said.

There were a few problems as a result from the water table, but GSU brought in a geo-technical engineer and

a designer who identified the issues, found a solution, and are moving forward with the construction, DeLaar said.

There were other minor issues that contributed to the delay of this building, but the water problem took the longest.

Faculty and staff will move in the office site in May, according to De Laar. The building will be operational for students in the fall.

The Nessmith Lane Continuing Education building original completion date was October 12, 1999. The delays on this building were from a variety of reasons that De Laar preferred not to comment on at this time. LPS is working on the construction for this building. It is expected to be completed on August 26, 2000, but it is not yet known when it will be operational.

"I am not going to percolate on exactly when it will be available for faculty, staff and students at this time. We have many things we have to do in the building," De Laar said. "It will be operational sometime after August."

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Indiana

Town makes horse odor illegal

The Associated Press

UTICA—Officials in this Ohio River town were fed up with the odor of Brent Fossee's five horses, but couldn't do a thing about it.

Utica's ordinance banning horses didn't apply to Fossee because his horses were already there when the town annexed his 6.8 acres.

So town officials tried a different tact. This week, they approved an ordinance that aims to control "obnoxious, disgusting, putrid, rancid or foul-smelling" odors.

Town Council members hope the ordinance, which provides fines of between \$100 and \$2,500 a day, can send Fossee's horses packing.

But Fossee's attorney, Alan Applegate, said the ordinance can't be used to remove the horses from his client's property.

Fossee plans to ask the town's Board of Zoning Appeals next month for a variance as "a way of creating a paper trail to confirm (the horses') legal status," Applegate said.

2 Georgia

Marietta vet one of only a few to operate on fish

The Associated Press

MARIETTA — Dr. Erik L. Johnson has some pretty slippery characters for patients.

Aside from treating dogs, cats and other pets, the Marietta veterinarian also performs surgery on ornamental fish.

And because he values the pure science of it, Johnson offers his surgical services free to anyone who can drive, ship or otherwise deliver their sick fish to him.

"I've decided that I don't want to die anonymously, I want to make a scientific contribution," Johnson

said. "If nobody ever does (the surgery), we don't get any experience or knowledge."

The 34-year-old graduate of the University of Georgia said he does about 50 surgeries a year on koi, a colorful pond fish, and other ornamental fish. During surgery, water mixed with anesthetic flows through a tube into the fish's mouth and over the gills.

The procedure Johnson does most frequently is "flipover" surgery, which corrects a common disorder that makes the fish top-heavy and causes them to float upside down.

In a five-minute procedure, Johnson inserts polished quartz crystals into the fish's belly, providing the weight it needs to stay right-side-up in the water.

On Friday, Johnson will perform the procedure on the smallest fish he's ever treated: a 1 1/2-inch pearl scale goldfish.

"It's a ridiculously small fish," Johnson said. "But I'm not going to break that fish owner's heart by saying I won't do the surgery."

Although koi can be expensive, owners get treatment not to protect their investments but to save a treasured pet, said Wayne Newman, owner of Garden Accents in Augusta.

Newman said he sells 12- to 14-inch domestic koi for up to \$400 and some imported breeds go for thousands.

"It's not really the cost of the fish. It's the fact that you get attached to them," Newman said. "You go out everyday and feed them, and they run up to see you just like a puppy would."

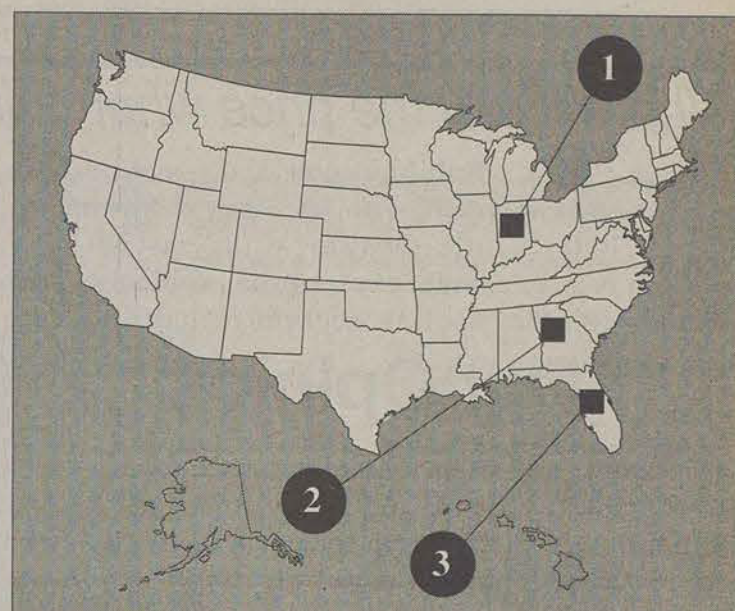
3 Florida

Mannequin officer left in unlocked patrol car vanishes

The Associated Press

LAKELAND — The Lakeland Police Department is one officer short these days.

Police Officer Wilma, a manne-



quin who sits in a parked patrol car to slow down passing drivers, has been stolen.

Another officer was supposed to bring Wilma in for the night last Friday, but a mix-up left the dummy cop with no backup overnight — alone in her unlocked patrol car.

Now Lakeland's police chief

wants Wilma back, and the thief who snatched her charged with auto burglary.

"Whoever did this showed a total lack of respect of the law and what it stands for," Lakeland Police Chief Sam V. Baca said. "This is pure disrespect for law enforcement and public safety."

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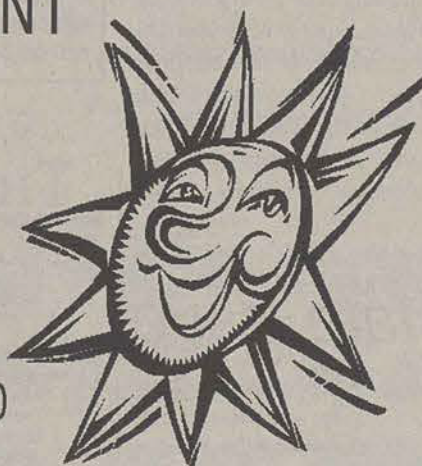
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Who will pay the price when things go wrong with Players Ball?

Again Player's Ball has come and gone, but this year it did not go off without a hitch. Normally Player's Ball is a little rowdy to say the least but more or less it is an event that causes little problems. This year however Player's Ball weekend included a shoot-

Our Opinion

ing. After last year, the organizations and businesses that normally sponsor and host events for Player's Ball promised the city that the event would be more organized and tame. It was not apparently more tame or organized.

Aside from the clubs and businesses that capital-

ized on the presence of additional customers by offering "Players Ball" activities, no central committee or organization provided any direction for the event. This will have to change for the event to survive past a few more years. One only needs to take a look at Freaknik to realize that.

A city the size of Statesboro can't continue to host an event the size of Player's Ball without continued assistance from outside police agencies. These police agencies must be paid for their time in Statesboro. That money comes from tax money paid by us. In the end, if basic civility and some moderate self-control isn't used then participants who say the police presence is already to high ultimately pay the price.

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Sinking the Gonzalez family ship ... er, raft

Let's see, how do I make myself clear? ... All the people involved in the spectacle surrounding Elian Gonzalez should be drug into the streets and beaten by the "Jeans v. Khakis" Gap actors/dancers.

When it comes to political refugees, we have more than our fair share, which is not how it's supposed to be. Our job as a democratic nation is to lead by example.

If what we have here (democratic capitalism) is so much better, then the people who are "oppressed" need to get it together, organize, and overthrow the powers that be in their country.

We did it here, and it was done in Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, South Korea, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, etc. It's underway in Taiwan as we speak.

The "victims" of dictatorships are supposed to want it bad enough to fight for it, not swim for it. We'll even train them (ask the world's new #1 terrorist, Bin Laden). In fact, we even have a military facility here in Georgia specifically for this purpose. Instead, political asylum is turning into a giant game of "Red Rover."

"Cuba sucks." That is the slogan, I kid you not, of protestors outside Elian's adopted home down in Miami. Well, that and "Communism sucks."

Despite their flare for the obvious, I'll cut these people some slack, because they don't speak English. However, I have one small question, so what?

What really sucks in the whole situation is the number of people that have used this as an opportunity to get their political platforms up and running, and their voices heard.

The people of Little Havana, Florida have as much concern for the welfare of Elian as they have desire

to learn English. And his Miami family is the biggest fraud of all. But their fifteen minutes will pass.

Had it not been for Garanimals I would have not ever decided what clothes to wear to school when I was six. Meanwhile, Elian's on video saying he doesn't want to go to Cuba.

I'm sure he thought of that all by himself, and I'm equally sure it's because of the fascist Castro regime,

and the political ramifications of him being allowed to stay, and what it would mean in a history of strained relations going back to the Bay of Pigs.

That's exactly what's on his mind. It has nothing to do with candy, Coca-Cola, toys, Nintendo and having more than one T-shirt. Right, y hablo espanol. I just wonder if he supports the NRA.

Clearly Elian should not go back to Cuba. It will suck, but not because of any political problems, but rather because Castro has already vowed to put him into a psychiatric ward for re-education, and undoing the "trauma of capitalism" that he is now "infected" with. Unfortunately, as a believer in freedom, I can't make the decision of staying here or going back to Cuba for Elian, only his father can.

The suckiest thing of all though, is that yet again, where a child is concerned, we do everything we can except focus on the child's welfare.

It's like two divorced parents who battle over joint custody, trying to assuage their conscience, and do whatever it takes to get one last stab at their ex-spouse. Love, indeed.

Maybe we should invoke the Wisdom of Solomon and just split Elian in two. Oops, nevermind. I guess that's what they've been trying to do all along.

Justin Miller is a "grad-student-at-large." You can complain to him at ursulica@hotmail.com (note: whiners will receive spam).



JUSTIN MILLER

SGA: Just call a spade a spade

You know, in my nearly two years here at Georgia Southern University one thing has become increasingly apparent. Many students, faculty and staff members alike appear to have nothing better to do than further their own agendas, regardless of whom they hurt or, worse yet, regardless of what their actions say to others around them.

The more time I spend here at Georgia Southern, the more I fall in love with the school, the town of Statesboro, and the small town people who call this place home. I grew up hunting in and around Statesboro and Portal, fished small farm ponds from here to Hinesville, to Glenville, and eastward to Tybee Island's Back River and inlets.

I remember where I was when Tracy Ham threw the touchdown pass with seconds left to vault Georgia Southern College to its very first Division I-AA National Football Championship game. It was in Pocatello, Idaho I believe, against Furman, and I was in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart on Abercorn-across from Oglethorpe Mall. I was listening to the game on the radio in my mother's car because I did not want to go inside and miss the finish. Man! What a game!!

I fell in love with Georgia Southern on that night, at that moment in time. Then when I actually attend GSU, my soon-to-be beloved alma mater, the things I see and hear at times make me sick to my stomach.

Take for instance our most recent fiasco, more aptly known as the SGA elections. Please note that I said our most recent fiasco because it is our school, our government, and our "leadership" here on campus. And yet, it is precisely we students who allow these mockeries of government proceedings to continue.

First of all, only 5.3 percent of the student body

voted. That is something to be proud of! Is it not? Second, the university judicial board, due to irregularities and improprieties, then overturned the elections. Third, these so-called "leaders" present during the hearing ended up cursing, namecalling and, basically, damning to hell their opponents. Way to make us proud y'all!

Oh, how I long for the days when Georgia Southern was represented by more than petty squabbling and immature behavior from its student leadership!

Who cares, I mean really cares whether or not we have a Fall Break!? Who really cares whether Michael West thinks that issues have "become personal between"

Aaron Nicely, Joyce Estrada and West!? Last thing I heard West was simply an advisor to the SGA.

If this is true, why has this advisor allowed himself to be dragged down with the rest of the ship? HE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE ON THE SHIP! He is no longer a student.

All we have heard from SGA this year is bickering; yet it does not appear to be fair to place the blame solely on Nicely. Let's not forget Estrada, his executive vice president, who could have tried (during her term in office) to help the president right the ship.

You know, kind of like a president and vice president who ran on the same ticket usually work together, get this, for the betterment of the school. It is a novel idea, but far beyond them all, apparently.

Oh, how I long for the days when rational thought and honor took precedence over selfishness and idle chatter! How many times recently have Nicely, Estrada and Zach Taylor reduced themselves to looking and acting more like middle school children than acting as if they actually deserve the office(s) they held or sought? How

much whimsical gibberish have we heard and read?

And, though I like him a lot, Mr. Rushing's comments in last Wednesday's *George-Anne*, if true, prove he never truly meant all the things he told me about wanting to help make the necessary changes. Sorry. That's the way I see it.

On Wednesday evening I had occasion to speak personally with Nicely about several topics. Nice conversation. I told him I thought his term of office had been useless, but I also told him I never, never believed it had been his entire fault. It has been the work of the majority of the SGA, not just one man.

All of this being said, however, what can now be done to finally set things straight again, to point us in the right direction? Well, the government is a product of those who cast their votes or, in our case, those who did not. Who is really to blame here? You, our fellow students and me here at GSU.

Apathy has been the cause of the SGA's undoing, not the members alone, as some might believe. If we, the student body do not become more involved, I promise you, things will only get worse. Period.

Take responsibility, instead of a backseat. Show initiative, instead of your backside. And take charge of your government! Put up or shut up. Get with the program or, quite simply, get lost.

The machine we call our government has run aground, yes. The SGA is in a shambles, true enough. What are you going to do about it? Please do not imitate the SGA and simply bitch about it! Do something about it...vote in the next election! Then and only then will Georgia Southern once again become a power within this community, instead of the quagmire of dishonesty and lost hope our current administration appears to revel in.

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RANDY DOBSON

Despite the hype, South Carolina flag a state issue

In seventh grade, I studied American history - John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Ulysses S. Grant. We were taught to be proud of these people, to follow their ideals and respect their morals.

We were also taught to respect Robert E. Lee, Thomas Jackson and Jefferson Davis, great men in their own right. We learned that they fought to protect what they perceived to be threatened rights and endangered freedom. Not for slavery, but for states' rights guaranteed in the United States Constitution.

Today, South Carolina's flying of the Confederate battle flag is a subject of debate, and people ask me for my opinion on a regular basis. It seems everyone has an opinion - Al Gore vehemently opposes it, George McCain calls it "a symbol of racism and slavery," and Jerry Falwell suspects the

flag might have homosexual tendencies. Behind every opinion appears to be a motive. Presidential candidates use the issue as a cheap tool to pander for votes, the NAACP is begging for face time on the national news, and there is only one thing to tell

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By GRANT GONNERMAN
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them all:

It's none of your damn business. The Tenth Amendment to our constitution states: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved by the States respectively, or to the people."

Accordingly, if you don't live in South Carolina, your opinion is worth about as much as a Confederate dollar, and I'm sure there's a place they'll tell you to stick it. This is a constitutional issue, nothing more, nothing less. Is there a word in the constitution concerning flag-flying? Nope. Can they fly the flag? Yup.

Of course, the general stance on the issue is that the flag is "offensive." Well, sorry. A constitution and 26 amendments outline our basic rights, and I can assure you that "the right to not be offended" isn't among them. Many things offend me - including late-term abortions, child pornography, violence-laden music, starving children and hate. I can assure you, a piece of cloth waving atop of a building doesn't even register.

The fact that the liberal media (of which I

would normally consider myself a part) supports this stance is even more astonishing. Remember, this is the same liberal community that shocked the world with sex, drugs and rock and roll in the 1960s. The same media that gave birth to the American Civil Liberties Union (conspicuously absent from this debate). The same media that will defend freedom of speech to the death. This is a defining moment of hypocrisy.

The flying of the Confederate flag is an issue pertaining to the state of South Carolina and its voters, not to the nation at large. The central issue is the very foundation of democracy: If the majority of voters in that state want to fly the flag, it flies.

Otherwise, dissenters from Arizona and California to Vermont and Maine will just have to live with it.

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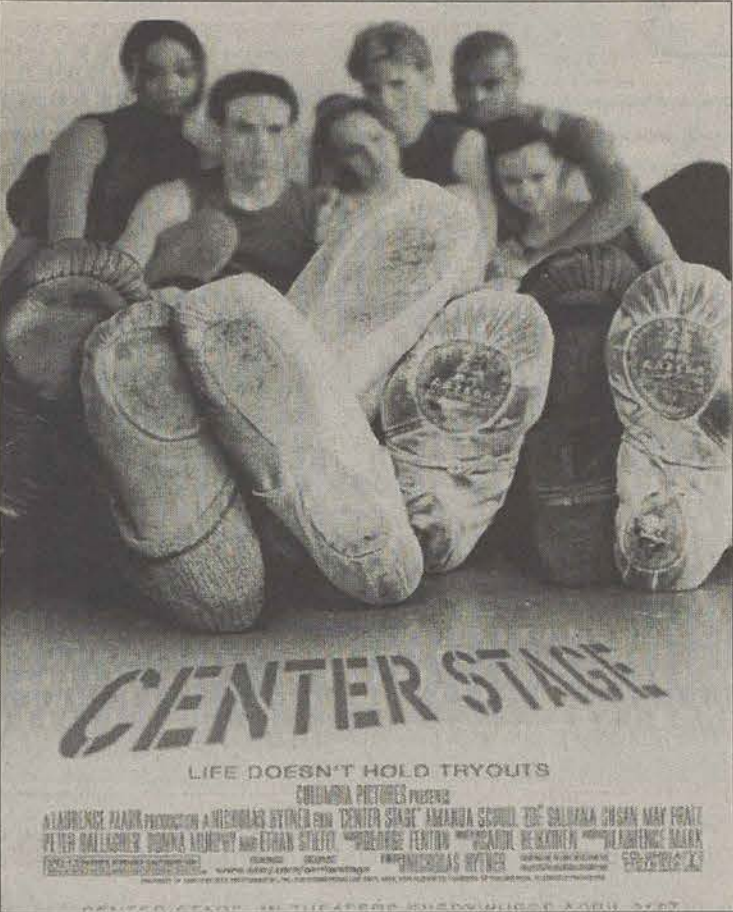
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G-A News Service

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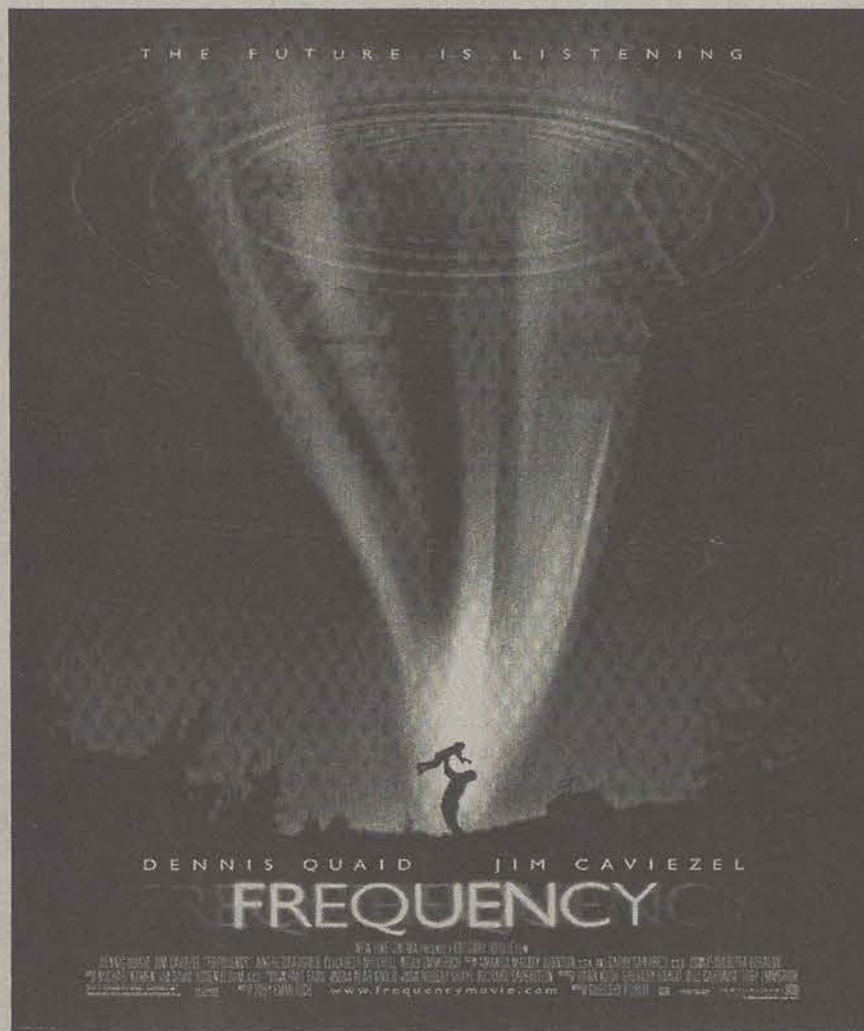
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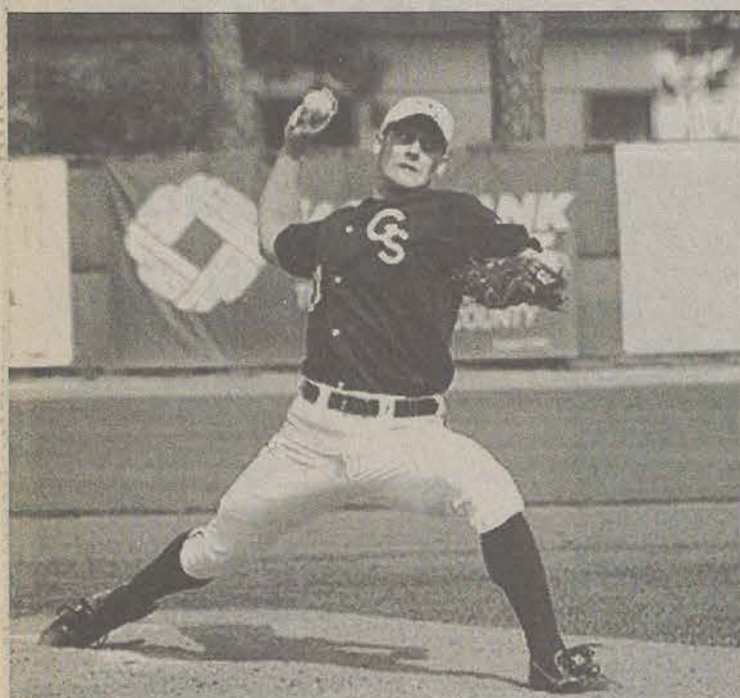
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SGA Elections will be held May 1 - 2, 2000.

Baseball sweeps Citadel



Luke Renfro

CRUISING: The Eagle's Daniel Wheeler pitched his fourth consecutive complete game. GSU is now first place in the Southern Conference.

By Edmund Coley
Sports Writer

GSU obtained sole possession of first place in the Southern Conference with a 8-3 victory on yesterday as they swept the highly touted Citadel in this weekend's three-game series.

The Eagle's Daniel Wheeler pitched his fourth consecutive complete game allowing only two runs on six hits and striking out nine Bulldogs from the Citadel.

"We'll take it," said GSU head coach Rodney Hennon. "I thought our guys matched-up well against theirs. We will see them again (later in the season), but it shows our team [that] we can beat those guys."

In what turned out to be a well-pitched ballgame on behalf of both counterparts,

yesterday's game began as if it were going to be a shoot-out.

The Citadel's Chris Morris scored the first run of the afternoon after leading the game off with a double. Daniel Wheeler would walk a Bulldog before striking out Dallas McPherson to end the inning.

Senior John Durik would answer for the Eagle's in the bottom-half of the first with a solo homerun, (5th), to tie the game at one.

Wheeler would then go to work retiring 13 of the next 14 batters he faced, collecting six strikeouts, and not surrendering a single hit.

The Citadel would unravel in the bottom of the fifth inning. Bulldog starter Kyle Bunn, who was working on a master-

piece of his own, gave up a double to Jason Hinely to lead-off the inning. The Eagles would take advantage of a wild-pitch served up by Bunn as well as two more defensive errors committed by the Citadel to take a 6-1 lead.

The Citadel added two more runs in the later innings but it would not be enough to stop the team from falling two games behind the now front-running Eagles.

"I think we had something to prove this weekend," said coach Hennon. "We basically control our own destiny and our confidence continues to grow."

This weekend marks the first time the Citadel has been swept in conference play since the '98 season, and it is the first time GSU has swept the Bulldogs in over eight years.

GSU will travel to Atlanta on Tuesday to face a high powered Georgia Tech team before going up to Greenville, S.C. to take on the Paladins of Furman University.

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GSU track has overcome many obstacles this year

By Nicole Smith
Sports Writer

The GSU Track and Field team has faced quite a few obstacles this year. The primary factors being they don't have their own facility for practice and not enough time to practice on the facility they do have use of. "We need a facility because the lack of time we can use the track [at Statesboro High School] is a problem because athletes aren't able to get the individual instruction they need," assistant coach Turena Johnson-Lane said.

"Practice is pretty much get in a van, drive out and come back," head coach Todd Lane said.

"You have to have classes done by such an early time, they are back to back then practice at 1:30 makes a demanding schedule," Johnson-Lane said. "Also many athletes aren't able to eat lunch and be ready to go to practice. We need more flexibility to use the track and having our own track facility should give us what we need."

Not only is there concern about current time conflicts but conflicts with time will be presented in the future as well. "As they [the athletes] get into their upper classes it is going to be more difficult to schedule classes around practice," Johnson-Lane said.

Once the Eagles get out to the track and are ready to practice, even more obstacles are faced that they need to overcome. "We don't get to give optimal individual attention to athletes that we could give," Lane said. "We have to be out [off the track] by 3:30 so it's difficult to have classes done by 1. It gives us only an hour and a half of practice, which isn't a lot of time."

"It feels like we are rushing through workouts, we don't get to warm up as much as we need to which causes lots of injuries, which we have," sophomore mid-distance runner Nuwana Waters said.

Freshman long jumper and sprinter Jacqueline Allen agrees. "You can't concentrate on your events as much as you



Special Photo

99-00 TRACK TEAM: This year's track and field team has exceeded expectations and will only get better.

would like to and the shorter time out at the track causes our workouts to be shorter. [in high school] we had more time and were able to work out problems in relay hand-offs more."

Even the field events can feel the effects of not having enough time to practice efficiently on the track.

"There is limited time; Coach can't be everywhere at once. If there was another coach it would be a lot better," javelin, shot-put, and discus thrower, Anisha Strouble said.

Time is not the only obstacle the team faces. Several members of the team find it difficult to practice on the conditions the track is in. "We jump onto a hill, the runway itself is uneven," Allen said. "My steps end up being different so it causes problems at other colleges [we compete at], which causes us to do more run throughs, and use up more energy."

The pole vault pit, she said, is a "liability waiting to happen."

When it comes down to recruiting people for the next season even more difficulties are found. "The fact you don't have your own track, that's a deterrent" Lane said. "It's hard to compete with other schools that do have the facilities and equipment"

Athletic Director Sam Baker commented on the obstacles the members of the track team are currently facing. "It's like a baseball expansion team, we have to live through it to see what needs to be corrected."

"We knew going into it it was going

to take some time [and] therefore was going to be growing pains," Baker said.

The primary funds for all intercollegiate sports come directly from the athletic department. Tom Norton, assistant athletic director, commented on the difference in track funds compared to other teams. "Scholarships are the biggest line item for budgets, and track doesn't have the same lend of money as everybody else because they only have one of four classes [they are predominately freshmen]. As far as travel and expense, they sum up to par with everybody else."

Hopes for a track facility are in mind but don't look too bright for the near future, Baker said. "We recently met to try and address the situation, if we had a donor we could address it quicker," Baker said. For now though, "It's not something on our agenda to be addressed."

The track and field team "replaced" the men's swimming and cross-country teams that were dropped last year because of Title IV. "It was painful to discontinue [the teams] but at the same time we were excited to add track," Baker said. "It was an opportunity to expand for female athletes."

"You feel bad for the teams that were cut but at the same time you take what life gives you, and make the best of it. If life gives you lemons, make lemonade, Johnson-Lane said. We're making the best of this program and are very thankful to have the opportunity to be a part of track and field at GSU."

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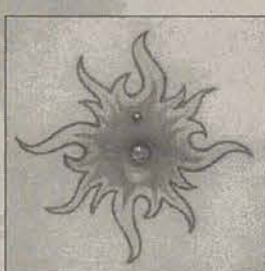
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Counterfeit money appears in Statesboro

How to protect yourself

By Kathy Bourassa
Staff Writer

The Statesboro Police Department is investigating complaints of counterfeit bills being passed to businesses in the area.

"We're working on four or five cases right now," captain J.R. Holloway said.

This episode, he says, is not as widespread as another incident earlier this year in which the police made several arrests, and that the two incidents are not related.

"Any time there is counterfeiting we have to notify the Secret Service," he said, adding that the police are working together with the Secret Service to locate the persons responsible for manufacturing and distributing the bills.

Fake \$20 and \$100 bills have been reported, most reports stemming from local businesses and banks.

Spending counterfeit money could make a person guilty of a crime.

"If someone has (it) innocently, and they pass it without intent, we try to work with them," Holloway said.

The police question the spender and try to trace its use to the manufacturer.

The person or persons responsible for the money could receive a \$5,000 fine and up to 15 years in prison, according to the Secret Service.

The United States General Accounting Office (GAO) reports, "Counterfeiting of U.S. currency, if it became widespread, could undermine confidence in the currency and negatively affect the U.S. economy."

Computer and print technologies have enabled a resurgence of counterfeiting, a problem which dates back to antiquity. Counter-

feit detectors are available for 40-60 bucks, too, if you want to spend that much.

But a sharp eye and a little knowledge can prevent you from becoming a victim.

Both new (post-1996) and old bills printed by the government have tiny red and blue threads embedded in the paper, and the paper is made from a blend of plant fibers that makes it more durable than regular paper. It has a distinct feel to it that counterfeiters often can't duplicate. Extremely fine lines and scrollwork forming designs may appear broken or blunt when reproduced illegally.

The new bills have been compared to Monopoly money, but they have multiple safeguards against counterfeiting.

All bills with a \$20 or higher denomination have security threads and watermarks. By holding the bill up toward the light, a thin strip that reads "USA" fol-

lowed by the denomination is clearly visible to the left of the portrait. To the right, the portrait's likeness is reproduced using a technique that makes it virtually invisible unless it's held to the light.

Other preventative measures are harder to see. Below the portrait, there is what might appear to be a broken line to the naked eye (on both sides of the president's name) that are actually words spelling "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" four times. This microprinting, when reproduced, becomes a thin line with no distinguishable words.

Notions about smudging the ink are unreliable, so it's important to learn other techniques, even though the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta says that only 1/300th of all money in circulation is counterfeit.

Holloway advises students, "Be alert and pay attention to what's being given to you."

The Secret Service and Federal Reserve Bank both recommend taking certain steps if you receive a bill you suspect is counterfeit:

• Write your initials and the date on the back of the bill so you can identify it easily.

• Record details about how you got the bill, from whom and when it was passed to you.

• Handle it as little as possible. You may even place it in a sandwich bag to preserve any fingerprints that may be on the bill.

• Do not try to spend it. Contact your local police department or the U.S. Secret Service office (one is located in Savannah) and surrender it to them. This will assist in their investigations and also protect you from winding up in legal complications.



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